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STAFF MEETING MINUTES - 14 March 1959

Personnel Present -

Mr. Kiefer

Mr. Reber

Col. Burke

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1. SECURITY VIOLATIONS - [redacted] requested that all section chiefs remind personnel of the desirability of maintaining continued security, particularly in the matters of open safes, unsecured papers and classified waste. He pointed out that in the past month, violations have increased.

2. USE OF TOP SECRET CLASSIFICATION - Col. Burke requested that all section chiefs review [redacted] on the classification of documents. It was pointed out by [redacted] that there is an increasing tendency in DPD to label too many things Top Secret. In order to assist sections in down-grading currently held material, a Security representative will contact each section and advise correct procedures to be taken in this matter.

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ACTION: Security Section

3. APPROVALS PROCEDURES - It was determined that a meeting should be held to answer all questions on the paper written by Mr. Bissell concerning contract approvals and amendments (DPD-1469-59).

ACTION: [redacted]

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4. THE "FAST MOVE" STAGING CONCEPT - In order to have an actual exercise to iron out any kinks in future staging operations, a test of the "Fast Move" Staging concept will be carried out on or about 11 May, when Det B will stage at [redacted]

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ACTION: Operations

5. COLONEL BURKE'S VISIT TO DET B - Col. Burke plans to arrive at Det B on 6 May for a visit of one week.\* All sections are requested to bring up with Col. Burke, prior to his departure, any matters they wish discussed during this visit.

\*Arrival date has been changed to 29 April.

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NRO review(s) completed.

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6. TEST STATUS BOARD - The [ ] are expected to be completed 1 May; auto pilot tests, 1 May; and dual oxygen tests, 1 June. Approvals of equipment is holding up the checks on [ ] and Operations has been asked to check into this matter.

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It is expected that a specific aircraft will be designated for the [ ] in two weeks. Gear is now under purchase.

7. THE COMMAND POST EXERCISE - Operations recalled that the command post exercise run in connection with the last CORONA activity was successful. It covered weather, flight lines and communications. As a result of this exercise, it was decided that the installation of a teletype machine at VAFB was not necessary since all communication was within the one-hour limit specified by Mr. Bissell as acceptable.

8. STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT - CORONA PROJECT - Trouble is still being experienced in the shake tests of the camera. However, due to the fact that the prime contractor has need for the equipment, it has been decided to ship the camera to Palo Alto before completion of the tests. All concerned believe that the shake tests can be conducted at Palo Alto. An evaluation will be made to determine if the equipment is ready for the first flight.

The next CORONA meeting is scheduled for 23 April.

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APPROVED:

WILLIAM BURKE  
Colonel, USAF  
Acting Chief, DPD-DD/P

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